



General Assembly

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LCO No. 2523



Referred to Committee on PUBLIC HEALTH

Introduced by:
(PH)

AN ACT CONCERNING MEDICAL ASSISTANTS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) (a) For purposes of this
2 section:

3 (1) "Medical assistant" means a person who (A) is certified by the
4 American Association of Medical Assistants, (B) has graduated from a
5 postsecondary medical assisting program accredited by the
6 Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs,
7 the Accrediting Bureau of Health Education Schools or the Accrediting
8 Council for Independent Colleges and Schools, and (C) has
9 successfully completed at least seven hundred twenty hours of
10 training in medical assisting at a program described in this subdivision
11 that includes an externship at an outpatient clinic of not less than one
12 hundred sixty hours;

13 (2) "Physician" means a person authorized to practice medicine or
14 osteopathy under chapter 370 of the general statutes; and

15 (3) "Outpatient clinic" means a clinic licensed under section 19a-493c
16 of the general statutes.

17 (b) On and after January 1, 2015, any physician may delegate to a
18 medical assistant the administration of medication orally, by inhalation
19 or by intramuscular, intradermal or subcutaneous injection, including,
20 but not limited to, the administration of a vaccine. Any medication
21 administered by a medical assistant shall: (1) Be administered at an
22 outpatient clinic or physician's office; (2) be administered under the
23 direct supervision, control and responsibility of a physician who is in
24 the outpatient clinic or office when such medication is administered;
25 (3) for the administration of medication by injection, be limited to an
26 injection in the extremities or the back of the patient; (4) not include the
27 administration of an anesthetic agent or a schedule I, II or III controlled
28 substance or the administration of medication by intravenous injection;
29 and (5) be administered by a medical assistant whom the supervising
30 physician reasonably believes has the skill and competency to
31 administer such medication. A medical assistant shall not administer
32 medication (A) in an inpatient clinic, hospital emergency department
33 or ambulatory surgical center, or (B) during routine surgical
34 procedures in an outpatient clinic or physician's office.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section

Statement of Purpose:

To allow medical assistants to administer certain medications under the supervision of a physician.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]